

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

March 15, 2005

AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 2

On March 10th, 2005, the Association of Community Human Service Agencies sponsored "Forum on Los Angeles County Child Welfare Paradigm Shift: The Role of Group Homes (Residential Treatment) in the Continuum of Care". The event was a success in facilitating much needed dialogue between the various vested stakeholders. It was well attended by numerous children's advocates and providers and well represented by Los Angeles County Personnel, including, Dr. David Sanders, Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), representatives from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Probation Department, as well as, Board Deputies from the five Los Angeles County District Offices. At this forum, many issues and concerns were raised and discussed, and while this forum served as a good exercise, it was clear that further discussion is necessary.

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I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE TO SUPPLANT THE LAST DIRECTIVE OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION THAT the Board of Supervisors instruct DCFS to:

1. Establish a "Children's Group Home Workgroup," in accordance with the "Katie A." settlement. This Workgroup shall consist of representatives from, but not limited to, DCFS, Probation, DMH, other relevant group home providers and consumers to develop an array of implementation and transition strategies, with a proposed timeline for implementation, to service children with the goal of stability and permanency as defined in the Motion; and

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2. Report back to the Board in 120 days with the recommendations and findings from the “Children’s Group Home Workgroup”

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